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A DECLARATION OF General MONCK

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King of SCOTS;

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His Proclamation, publiſhed by ſound of Trumpet, at the Head of each Regiment; upon his marching with Nine Thouſand Horſe and Foot for BERWICK.

With the Engagement taken, and ſubſcribed by the Scottiſh Lords, Knights, and Gentlemen; And the Warrants and Commiſſions, ſent from Sir *Arthur Haſlerigg*, and the reſt of the Parliamen s Commiſſioners at *Portſmouth*, to the High-Sheriffs of the Weſtern Counties.

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DECLARATION

A PROCLAMATION FROM General MONCK;

Published at the Head of each respective Regiment, both of Horse and Foot, upon their advance towards England.

UPon the advance of General *Monck* with his Army towards *Berwick*, Proclamation was made at the Head of each respective Regiment, both of Horse and Foot, For all persons whatsoever, either Officers and Souldiers, that could not freely, willingly, or consciously, engage with Him in this present Expedition, to lay down their Arms, and depart the Army; and that for his own part, he had a deep sense of this great and National Affair, having just grounds of dissatisfaction, and that he could not comply with any, who should refuse, or seem dubious, to stand or adhere to a warrantable concurrence: His Undertakings being such, that the candour of his Heart bore him Testimony and Evidence of the justness of his *Cause*; and that he ought not to violate the Authority of *Parliaments*, whose Legislative Power and Freedom,

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every Individual Member were bound to assert and maintain, after such solemn assurances of faithfulness and obedience; and to assert the honour and integrity of such Noble Patriots, who for many years had undergone a Labyrinth of Troubles, and stood even in the very Gap and Gulph of the Ruines, Desolations, and Miseries, that for many years threatned these distracted, divided, and bleeding Nations.

Proclamation being thus made by sound of Trumpet, the Army drew off in a Regimental way from *Hadington* towards *Berwick*, where General *Monck* caused a Declaration to be published, intimating, The integrity of his Heart, and the sincerity of his Cause; That he held a detestation of that horrid impiety, to raise himself by the ruine of others, That he was none of those that sought great things to himself: That he was forced with the Parliaments Army under his command, to bear Testimony against the violence of those, who shall endeavour an absolute extirpation of the Peoples Rights and Priviledges, and that he is resolved to use the utmost of his Endeavours, to remove the late force put upon the Parliament Members: That no means shall be left by him unassayed, for preservation of the peace of the Commonwealth, in obedience to the Parliament; taking God to witness, the integrity of his present Design and Intentions, and that he abhors the very thoughts of introducing any arbitrary power, being resolved to spend his blood in opposition to any single person whatsoever: That he doubts not but the justness of his Cause will crown his Endeavours, being resolved to leave the successe to the Most High, and to regard *ALL* for the Glory of God, and the good of his people.

Upon his departure from *Edenbrough*, an Engagement was tender'd to the Assembly of Lords and Gentlemen, which they subscribed; assuring him, in the Name of themselves, and the whole Nation, that they will not own the interest of *Charles Stuart*, but endeavour the preservation of the peace of their Country, against all attempts whatsoever.

Having thus setled the Country in a posture of defence, Orders were issued forth for the Army to march towards the Borders;

ders: Which the Lord *Lambert* understanding, immediately gave Order for the advance of his Forces: so that both Armies being upon motion, several Regiments of Horse and Foot are marched into *Northumberland*, and 'tis reported, that General *Monck* is advanced over *Berwick* Bridge, and that some Engagement hath hapned, and a small party of horse routed: But this being various, we shall not blot paper with any such circumstances: considering, that the Interests of several persons do ballance the Scales according to their affections: However, thus much is ascertained, that the Army under the conduct of General *Monck* consists of about Nine Thousand Horse and Foot, and that the Lord *Lambert* is neer upon Eleven Thousand.

By the last Express from *Portsmouth*, on Saturday last, it is certified, that a party of horse came as far as *Gosport*, and faced the Town, but afterwards wheeled off at a further distance. Seven Troops are also marched from *Petersfield* towards *Chichester*, and some Commotions are feared about *Exeter*. The Foot that marched from *London* was met on Saturday last between Lockup and Petersfield, and intended to arrive before Portsmouth the 12th instant. Which place is said to be supplyed with great store of provision and ammunition, having above threescore pieces of Ordnance.

Col. *Morley*, and the rest of the Members of the Old Parliament, having consulted the publick affairs in general, and setled that Garrison, dispatched (as we hear) sundry Letters to the Governours of several Castles and Garrisons, inciting them to a return of their former Duty, and to alienate their affections from the Army. But how it is resented, the Relations are various, and the several Reports as dubious: for some report the Isle and Castle of *Portland* to be in safe hands, and that *Cowes* and *Hurst* Castle in the Isle of *Wight* have undergone some *Tamperings*: as also *Carisbrook* Castle: What further shall accrue, upon these National Tranactions, we shall endeavour to make obvious, by our next: Humbly imploring, that the signal manifestations of Gods most gracious presence, may enlighten the Sons of men in these dark and gloomy Times, and to work our deli-

deliverance from the inevitable ruine and mischiefs, which are now aggravated by our manifold Divisions.

Upon the arrive of this suddain change and alteration, in so considerable a Garrison as *Portsmouth*, It was ordered, That a considerable Body of Horse and Foot should be forthwith sent down into the Western parts, to reduce that Garrison, or block it up: and accordingly the Lord *Disbrow* was made choice of, as Commander in chief for that Expedition, who advanced with several Troops of Horse from Westminster, and on Tuesday Night last Colonel *Hewsons* Regiment of Foot began their march from the City of *London*, and five Companies of Colonel *Gibbons* Regiment from the Borough of *Southwark*, who were met on Friday last above twenty miles on their way towards *Portsmouth*, the Horse being in the Van, who are somewhat impeded in their march, by the present season, and inclemency of the weather. Notwithstanding, willing they are, to embrace all timely Opportunities, for the obviating all dangerous and pernitious Designs and Enterprises, that may any wayes prove obnoxious and destructive to the publike peace and welfare of these Nations: In order whereunto, all possible care is taken, for the way-laying, stopping, and guarding the several Avenues and Passes, porting and leading to the Town, that so the reducing of it may prove the more facile, and the Work expedited, which otherwise may introduce various Contingencies & Mutations, the Spirits of the people being exceeding inclinable thereunto: occasioned by the deplorable Revolutions, and a general decay of Trade, as doth exceed the greatest of presidents in former times.

Sir *Arthur Hasilrigg*, Colonel *Morley*, and Colonel *Walton*, have issued forth Warrants, for the raising of Forces in the Western Counties, according to the power given them by *Act of Parliament* for the commanding of the Army.

The Forces sent from *London* are arrived in those parts, and have faced the Town; but there is little hopes (as yet) of attiquing the place.

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The Garrison is re-inforced with additional supplies, and many of the Gentry are joyned with them; but Colonel *Norton* (we hear) declines engaging. There is free access into the Town by Sea, and the Frigats which lay in the Harbour have been coasting up and down, and have brought in some supplies. They were lately at *Faymouth*, and from thence went towards *Plymouth*, but are since returned. The Commissions issued forth for raising of the Countreyes, have been sent to divers Gentlemen in those parts; but we do not hear of the embodying of any Forces, since the dispiersing of those in *Sussex*.

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